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INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CASABLANCA 0406

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB PORG MO

SUBJ: ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY (OATUU)

APRIL CONGRESS

1. GENERAL SECY MAJOUR BEN SEDDIK, UNION MAROCAIN DE TRAVAIL (UMT) TOLD CONSULATE THAT UMT WILL NOT ATTEND OATUU MEETING IN TRIPOLI. HE SAID THAT HE HAD PROMISED TUNISIAN LABOR LEADER (HABIB ACHOUR) THAT UMT WOULD SUPPORT TUNISIA THIS ISSUE. HOWEVER, BEN SEDDIK ADDED THAT EVEN IF TUNISIA WERE TO ATTEND, UMT WOULD NOT ATTEND TRIPOLI MTC SINCE BEN SEDDIK DID NOT WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH POLITICAL MACHINATIONS OF QUADDAFI WHO WAS TRYING TO PLAY INFLUENTIAL ROLE INTERNATIONAL LABOR SCENE BY GENEROUS USE HIS OIL REVENUES TO BUY COOPERATION

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ESPECIALLY AMONG SOME IMPOVERISHED UNIONS. "WHY SHOULD WE PARTICIPATE IN LIBYAN INITIATIVE WHEN INDEPENDENT LABOR

MOVEMENT IN LIBYA IS NONEXISTENT?" UMT SECGEN ASKED.

2. UMT SECGEN SAID HE WOULD PREFER OATUU VENUE IN KINSHASA OR FAILING THAT IN DAKAR OBSERVING THAT IN BOTH ZAIRE AND SENEGAL RESPECTABLE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS EXIST ENJOYING FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE.

3. IN EVALUATION LABOR UNIONS ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA, UMT LEADER CLAIMED THAT IN UPCOMING LABOR CONFEDERATION ELECTIONS IN EGYPT, GOVERNMENT MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CHOOSE WINNERS AS IN THE PAST. BEN SEDDIK SAID THAT EGYPTIAN UNIONS HAVE BECOME MUCH STRONGER AND MORE DEMOCRATIC IN PAST TWO YEARS. WITH REGARD TO TUNISIA, UMT LEADER OBSERVED THAT TUNISIAN LABOR ORGANIZATION IS NOW STRONGER AND MORE VIABLE THAN BOURGUIBA'S POLITICAL PARTY. HE GAVE MAURITANIA LABOR UNION GOOD MARKS FOR REPRESENTING WORKER INTERESTS, BUT CHARACTERIZED MALI'S LABOR MOVEMENT AS COMPLETELY INTIMIDATED BY MILITARY REGIME WHOSE LEADER, SEYDOU DIALLO, HAD LEARNED "TO EAT AT EVERYONES TABLE", I.E. ACCEPTED SUPPORT FROM ALL SOURCES WITHOUT REGARD TO PRINCIPLES INVOLVED.  
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